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Reforms

Facilities to the Legislative Council for the discussion of the proposals of the Delimitation Committee.

* 345 *Q.*—Mr. P. V. KRISHNAYYA CHOUDARI: Will the Hon. the Member for Finance be pleased to state whether the Government propose to give an opportunity to the Council for the discussion of the Delimitation Committee's proposals?

A.—Yes.

Elections to the provincial legislatures.

* 346 *Q.*—Mr. K. A. NACHIYAPPA GOUNDER: Will the Hon. the Member for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) at what stage the proposals for the preparation of electoral rolls and the conduct of elections to the provincial legislatures are; and

(*b*) when the elections are likely to come up and be completed?

A.—(*a*) Such preliminary steps as are possible for the preparation of provisional electoral rolls have been taken.

(*b*) No decision has yet been arrived at.

Mr. K. A. NACHIYAPPA GOUNDER:—" May I know, Sir, when the preliminary electoral rolls will be completed with a view to make them final, for the coming elections? "

The Hon. Mr. G. T. H. BRACKEN:—" The dates have not yet been settled and we are ourselves awaiting the final decision of the Government of India."

Mr. K. A. NACHIYAPPA GOUNDER:—" May I at least know the month in which these rolls may be expected to be prepared? "

The Hon. Mr. G. T. H. BRACKEN:—" I am afraid I know no more than the hon. Member."

Local Self-Government

Number of panchayats at work in each district.

* 347 *Q.*—Mr. K. A. NACHIYAPPA GOUNDER: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) what the number is of panchayats now working in each district;

(*b*) how many district panchayat officers have been employed in each district; and

(*c*) how many assistant panchayat officers are or are proposed to be employed in each district?

A.—(*a*) A statement [a] is appended.

(*b*) One district panchayat officer has been employed in each local fund district excluding East Tanjore.

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(c) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the Appendix to G.O. No. 2216, L. &. M., dated the 11th June 1935, which was placed on the table with the answer to clause (a) of question No. 61 delivered on 6th August 1935.

Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Gounder:—"In the answer to clause (b), I find that district panchayat officers have been appointed to all districts excluding East Tanjore. May I know what are the reasons for not making an appointment in that district?"

The Hon. the Raja of Bobbili:—"The candidate who was appointed declined the appointment."

Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Gounder:—"In the case of appointment of assistant panchayat officers, may I know whether they are appointed on the basis of the number of panchayats in a district or on any other principle?"

The Hon. the Raja of Bobbili:—"Generally the basis is the number of panchayats."

Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Gounder:—"In the district of North Arcot I find that the number of panchayats is much greater than in Salem district; may I know, Sir, why the number of assistant panchayat officers appointed to that district is less than those appointed to Salem if the appointments are made on the basis of the number of panchayats."

The Hon. the Raja of Bobbili:—"Perhaps the difference in their size has been also taken into account."

Representation of Vanniyakula or Agnikula Kshatriyas in the cadre of panchayat officers and assistant panchayat officers.

* 348 *Q.*—Subadar-Major S. A. Nanjappa Bahadur: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) the names of all the district panchayat officers appointed till now, the communities to which they belong and the stations to which they have been posted;

(b) the names of all the assistant panchayat officers appointed till now, the communities to which they belong and the places where they are working; and

(c) the number of Vanniyakula Kshatriyas or Agnikula Kshatriyas appointed as district or assistant panchayat officers in the Presidency till now?

A.—(a) A statement [a] is appended.

(b) The appointments of assistant panchayat officers are being made by the presidents of district boards concerned and Government have no information about them on the points mentioned.

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[a] Printed as Appendix V on pages 325–326 infra.